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For: "OHMIC METAL CONTACT AND)
CHANNEL PROTECTION IN GaN) Examiner: Long Pham
USING AN ENCAPSULATION LAYER")
) Our Ref: B-4232NP 621008-5
) Date: March 18, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the first Office Action on the merits. Copies of the foreign patent documents and the non-patent publications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Copies of the U.S. patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) are not enclosed, pursuant to Deputy Commissioner Stephen G. Kunin's Pre OG Notice dated July 11, 2003, with the exception of U.S. Application No. 10/600,521 because the U.S. Patent Application has not yet been published.

It should be noted that the above-identified application may be related by subject matter to the following U.S. Application(s): 10/214,422, filed August 5, 2002 (published as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0021152 A1) and 10/600,521, filed June 19, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) and M.P.E.P. 2004, paragraph 9, the applicant brings these co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner should consider this information during the prosecution of the above-identified

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application. However, citation of these applications does not constitute an admission that the claims of the present application are substantially similar or similar to those of the applications listed above.

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The person making this statement is the practitioner who signs below on the basis of information supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)) and on the basis of information in the practitioner's file.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE or 102(e) DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,766,695	6/1998	Nguyen et al.	427	553	
	6,100,548	8/2000	Nguyen et al.	257	192	
	10/600,521		Nguyen et al.			6/19/2003
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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